

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**SEVENTIETH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 1987, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN ROOM H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS**

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

- BD-70-D1: Judicial Board Decision re Political Science Students' Association Elections of 1987
- BD-70-D2: Engineering and Computer Science Association Proposal
- BD-70-D3: Carling O'Keefe Brewery Ownership
- BD-70-D4: Congress of Black Women of Concordia University
- BD-70-D5: Draft - Approximate Budget for 1987-88 (Fee Increase)

1.1 Call to Order:

Chairperson Diane Dyson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Maxine Clarke
Robert Douglas

Commerce:

Cherine Hamam

Engineering:

Martin Corej
Louis Hotte

Arts and Science:

Marijan Benc
Thomas Burnside (7:40)
Glen Cheverie (7:30)
Jeffrey Gordon
Andrew Jolicoeur
Alex MacPherson
Niki Rossman
Nick Wouillard

Fine Arts:

Jaime Yip

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Paul Gott (W/R), Andrew Madsen, Shawn O'Hara (W/R), Morty Shapiro, Emma Tibaldo
Commerce: Lianne Bastien, Mimi Bengiu, Andrew Boosamra (W/R), Evangelos Mylonakis (W/R)
Engineering: Stefan Potocki, Joe Serruya (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Sonia Cancian, Programming V.P.; Alex Gay, Heather Hamilton and David Hutman, Judicial Board; Brent Jones, CUSA Comptroller.

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2 Approval of Agenda:

Marijan Benc requested that "Question Period" (Item 5) be moved to follow "Reports" (Item 9). Maxine Clarke stated that under Item 7.2, the only appointments to be ratified are for Concordia Council on Student Life. She added that Hiring and Appointments Committees need to be struck for the other positions listed under Item 7.2. She asked that the appointments be ratified as Item 7.2(a) and the committees be struck as Item 7.2(b).

MOVE to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Cherine Hamam

VOTE: 11/0/1 Carried

3 Approval of Minutes:**3.1 Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Board of Directors:**

Marijan Benc requested that his absence from the meeting be noted as "W/R" because he was not notified of the meeting. There were no objections.

Jeff Gordon stated that Motion 411 was not shown with its original wording. Chairperson Diane Dyson explained that Motion 411 as shown was the final version after "friendly amendments" had been proposed during the course of the discussion.

Robert Douglas reported that the figures used in Item 5.1 regarding the Engineering and Computer Science Association proposal were approximations and referred the Board to the document distributed at the subsequent meeting (BD-69-D3) for the accurate figures.

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 68th Meeting of the Board of Directors as amended.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Alex MacPherson

VOTE: Unanimous

4 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson Diane Dyson stated that the Steering Committee had altered the format of the Board meetings by moving "Reports" to the end of the meeting in order to shorten the length of time of meetings. She added that all reports should be submitted in writing prior to the meeting so that the Directors could read the reports in advance. She welcomed any suggestions Directors might have to make the meetings faster.

6 Old Business:**6.1 Political Science Students' Association:**

Robert Douglas briefly reviewed the discrepancies with the Political Science Students' Association elections held in April 1987. He stated that Alexandre Ciocilteu, then Chairperson of Judicial Board, had received verbal complaints about the elections and called an emergency meeting. Acting alone, he declared the election null because the Deputy Returning Officer had not examined ID cards of voters, and because the voting booths were late opening and early closing (one occasion by 15 minutes, second occasion by 20 minutes). The Deputy Returning Officer reported to the Board of Directors at the 64th Meeting. At that time the Board decided to wait until the new Judicial Board was in place. The new Judicial Board has examined the case and presented a letter explaining their decision (BD-70-01). Alex Gay of Judicial Board spoke about the decision.

MOTION 420:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors accepts the Political Science Students' Association executive as presented in document BD-70-01.

Moved by: Robert Douglas
Seconded by: Maxine Clarke

VOTE ON MOTION 420:

8/1/2 Carried

6.2 CUSA-ECA Negotiations:

Robert Douglas explained that the proposal had changed by an increase of \$1.00 for each year since the 69th Meeting which makes it a new proposal.

MOTION 421:

WHEREAS \$45,000 from ECA as one of the projected amounts included in the CUSA 1987-88 projected revenue; and

WHEREAS CUSA is in a tremendous deficit position and wishes to clear up the 1985-86 and 1986-87 CUSA-ECA negotiations; and

WHEREAS accepting this money would not set a precedent because it is not a service contract; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA accept the ECA total sum of \$23,223 as presented for 1985-86 and the total sum of \$23,223 as presented for 1986-87.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion:

Robert Douglas stressed the importance of taking this opportunity to bring this money into CUSA's budget in order to reduce the deficit. Jeff Gordon asked whether this proposal will cover 1987-88, and Robert Douglas responded in the negative but added that if this proposal is accepted, ECA has shown a willingness to enter into negotiations for 1987-88. Alex MacPherson stated that it irked him that any association would get such a good deal from CUSA and he hoped that negotiations for the future will ensure that CUSA receives what it is entitled to receive. Glen Cheverie suggested that CUSA should accept this proposal on the understanding that this amount has no bearing on any future settlement. He reminded the Board that the people who owe the 1985-86 and 1986-87 debts are no longer at Concordia. Cherine Hamam asked for an explanation of the percentages ECA used in arriving at the figure of \$23,223 per year. Maxine Clarke commented that ECA used an irrational basis as a method of arriving at the figures. Louis Hotte gave an explanation of the percentages in terms of the services, clubs, etc. that the ECA never used. Cherine Hamam requested that a rationale be developed for future negotiations. Alex MacPherson wished to make it clear to ECA that accepting this proposal would not set a precedent for future negotiations. Glen Cheverie supported this view and added that CUSA should accept the money but not the proposal (i.e. the rationale behind the percentages). Thomas Burnside asked when and in what manner this money would be received. Robert Douglas stated that ECA would pay it in three installments: next week, January and May.

VOTE ON MOTION 421:

11/0/3 Carried

7 New Business:

7.1 Recognition of Black Women's Congress:

MOTION 422:

WHEREAS the Congress of Black Women of Concordia University has submitted a complete and proper application for CUSA Club Recognition; and

WHEREAS the objectives of the Congress of Black Women of Concordia University, as stated in their constitution, are:

1. To increase and promote personal awareness of the Black Woman in developing her potential.
2. To promote equal opportunity for Black Women and encourage them to participate more actively as a

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means of facilitating a more equitable representation.

3. To stimulate and sponsor discussion groups where Black Women can meet to discuss areas of interest and concern.
4. To enrich and broaden the on-going debate within the feminist movement by bringing in the perspective of the Black experience.
5. To initiate a lucid and rigorous debate on racism by using feminism as a catalyst.
6. To demystify feminism--by raising public consciousness as both collective and individual levels and by heightening and broadening the interest of the population vis-a-vis women issues.
7. To stimulate and enrich the varying approaches to feminist theory within academic circles.
8. To increase awareness within Concordia University and the community at large concerning:
 - position of Black Women on issues of general interest
 - position of Black Women on issues pertaining to the Black community
 - position of Black Women on social, political and economic factors as they affect the Black community
9. To outreach and include women isolated and marginalized by socio-economic conditions, age and colour, religion, sexual preference, disability, and under-informed about and excluded from on-going debate and discussion.
10. To further consolidate and enhance modes of collaboration among Black groups and high profile organizations and institutions.
11. To sensitize men--older and younger--to the issues of feminism.
12. To underscore the necessity for dialogue across barriers of sex, race, class, language and economic status.
13. To provide a mechanism for discussion and analysis that will help to clarify issues related to feminism and racism for problem-solvers, policy-makers, and think-tank personnel.

14. To reinforce relations between English and French-speaking Black people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors recognizes the Congress of Black Women of Concordia University subject to the ratification of their proposed constitution by Judicial Board.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Niki Rossman

Discussion:

Alex Gay of Judicial Board stated that the CBWCU had submitted a constitution. He assured the Board that Judicial Board will approve the constitution. He raised the point that the executive of this group will be made up exclusively of Black women, and he added that Judicial Board has confirmed with the Human Rights Commission that this does not violate the Human Rights Charter.

(8:00)

Glen Cheverie stated that this would contravene CUSA's constitution because it would limit who could become an executive member. Lynn Calliste of CBWCU stated that membership would be open to all as either "active" or "associate" members, similar to the Concordia Women's Collective. Nick Woppard said that the decision to limit the executive to Black women was based solely on the workability of the association in its efforts to inform students. He added that the Board cannot deny a group its membership because of its constitution--it is up to Judicial Board to approve constitutions. He stated that the Board should be voting on whether this group would represent students. Alex Gay declared that the provision for Black women to make up the executive was an exceptional clause and is approved by Judicial Board because Black women know the issues that concern them and the group might lose sight of its original goals if the executive is not made up of Black women.

(8:10 - RECESS)

(8:20 - RECONVENED)

Maxine Clarke reviewed the objectives of the CBWCU. She added that this group would be affiliated to the national Black women's congress and provincial associations. Alex MacPherson stated that there is no overlap between CBWCU and other groups, there is no violation with its constitution and therefore no reason not to recognize this group. Andrew Jolicoeur asked whether there would be a lack of autonomy because of this group's affiliation with the national and provincial associations. Maxine Clarke said no, and Diane Dyson stated that the situation paralleled that of The Link being a member of the Canadian University Press which has guidelines but does not interfere with publication. Andrew Jolicoeur suggested that in Point 6 of the objectives, "the

"populace" be changed to read "the population". There were no objections.

(8:30)

Lynn Calliste gave a brief presentation. Jaime Yip asked whether other ethnic women would be invited into the group or whether the group would make a point of reaching out to ethnic groups. Maxine Clarke responded that all women were oppressed at this point, and added that CBWCU's plans included events of interest to all women during the year and especially during international women's week. Jeff Gordon asked that Point 9 of the objectives be expanded to include religion. It was also suggested that sexual preference and intellectual and physical disabilities be included in Point 9. Jeff Gordon was curious as to Maxine Clarke's connection with this group. She explained that she was a member but not one of the executive. Thomas Burnside expressed the view that the group would serve valuable ends and would further the interests of CUSA. He stated that CBWCU would address the needs of a neglected group, and added that Jaime Yip's point regarding ethnic women was well taken. He added that although this group was not perfect, it would certainly be a step in the right direction. He asked whether the sexual orientation in the case of Black lesbians had been addressed. Maxine Clarke assured him that there were workshops and other events in the group's plans that would be of interest.

VOTE ON MOTION 422:

UNANIMOUS

(8:45)

7.2(a) Appointments to Concordia Council on Student Life:

Robert Douglas reported that the Hiring and Appointments Committee met yesterday to interview candidates for CCSL. The Hiring and Appointments Committee was made up of the two Co-Presidents; Maria Fung, Student Life V.P.; and Marijan Benc and Alex MacPherson. There are six undergraduate representatives on CCSL.

MOTION 423:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of the following candidates to the Concordia Council on Student Life for 1987-88: Robert Douglas, Maria Fung, Susan Hunt, Monica Kaufmann, Themis Flarakos, and Tanja Ouimet.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Cherine Hamam

Discussion:

Each of the candidates introduced themselves to the Board with

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the exception of Susan Hunt. Alex MacPherson stated that the Hiring and Appointments Committee strongly recommends these candidates. Jeff Gordon was uncomfortable with proceeding with the ratification of Susan Hunt because she was not present. Robert Douglas explained that Susan Hunt was the Student Life V.P. for 1986-87 and served on CCSL last year. Maxine Clarke stated that both she and Robert Douglas were on CCSL with Susan Hunt last year, and in their opinion Susan Hunt played a key role on CCSL and is highly recommended.

VOTE ON MOTION 423:

13/0/1 Carried

(9:00)

7.2(b) Hiring and Appointments Committee:

Maxine Clarke stated that there were several positions that needed to be filled immediately: Education V.P., External V.P., Senate and Board of Governors representatives.

MOTION 424:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT one Hiring and Appointments Committee be struck to interview for all positions and to make recommendations to the Board.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke

Seconded by: Alex MacPherson

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke stated that there should be three Directors on the Committee and two on reserve. The following Directors volunteered: Marijan Benc, Jeff Gordon, Alex MacPherson, Nick Woollard.

VOTE ON MOTION 424:

UNANIMOUS

7.3 CUSA Fee Increase:

Robert Douglas stated that he expected Finance V.P. Scott White to present this item. CUSA Comptroller Brent Jones distributed document BD-70-U5 and stated that he would answer questions. Maxine Clarke stated that a motion will be made at the next meeting. Alex MacPherson requested that a presentation of the main reasons for the increase be made by the executive at the next meeting so that the Board is clear on the issue.

Maxine Clarke stated that the figures in BD-70-U5 do not reflect the \$46,446 that will be received from ECA as a result of Motion 421 passed earlier at this meeting. Maxine Clarke listed the various options open to the Board: referendum for a permanent increase, an increase for one or two years only, or no fee increase referendum.

Jeff Gordon advised the Board that CUSA is facing trusteeship if the debt to the University is not repaid.

(9:15)

7.4 O'Keefe Reinstatement:

Maxine Clarke reported that the O'Keefe Brewery had been bought by Elders of Australia and that company has divested its interests in South Africa. However, she stated that derogatory comments directed at Blacks were made by an O'Keefe representative following the meeting when the O'Keefe boycott was voted on by the Board of Directors. Witnesses report these derogatory comments as having been made at Cusacorp and at the Universite de Montreal by the same O'Keefe representative.

Adrian Archer of Concordia Students Against Apartheid spoke about the status of O'Keefe now that it has been bought by Elders. He stated that all O'Keefe products with the exception of Miller Beer should no longer be boycotted because the South African connection has been broken. He explained that a specific boycott against Miller Beer should continue because it is tied to the Philip Morris Company in the United States which has ties with Anton Rupert, the South African magnate. Because of the explicit show of racism by the O'Keefe representative, however, he felt that the boycott should not be lifted.

Robert Douglas stated that the Co-Presidents had asked O'Keefe for a written apology. O'Keefe has not complied with this request because it would damage the company's reputation if it were made public. Maxine Clarke added that no action had been taken against the employee in question, i.e. he had not been suspended, fired or demoted. She added that in addition to an apology from the company, she would like to receive a written apology from the individual or his superior.

Discussion continued on the wording of a motion, and whether an apology should come from the company or the individual. It was felt that at the time the remarks were made, the individual was a representative of the company and if the company provides an apology, it will be clear that the company does not tolerate racism. After several friendly amendments, the final wording of the motion was agreed upon as follows:

MOTION 425:

WHEREAS CUSA finds racist remarks by a representative of O'Keefe to be totally unacceptable;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA asks for a written apology from the company; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the boycott of O'Keefe products be continued until such time as an

apology satisfactory to the Board of Directors is received.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Alex MacPherson

VOTE ON MOTION 425:

13/0/1 Carried

Chairperson Diane Dyson stated that she would write to O'Keefe to demand an apology and to advise them that the boycott will continue.

8 Other Business:

There was no other business at this time.

9 Reports:

9.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Maxine Clarke stated that the Capital Campaign opt-out forms had been included in the information packages given out at the academic orientation sessions, however she and Robert Douglas announced CUSA's position of support for the Campaign at those sessions.

Maxine Clarke reported that the Co-Presidents had seen the plans for the new library building which are expected to be approved next Tuesday. The new building will house the bookstore, cinema, art gallery, snack bar and administrative offices as well as the Registrar's Services and Student Services departments. Fifty percent of the space in the new building will be for the library.

Maxine Clarke stated that Communications V.P. Curtis Johnston has been working on a pamphlet to be distributed to students to advise them that there is a two-week period only in which to receive a rebate of fees if a student withdraws from a course.

CUSA is offering the Tilden "Red Plan" to students which entitles them to a 15% rebate on the cost of renting cars. Tilden stickers have to be affixed to ID cards, and these stickers are available at the CUSA office.

The Job Bank has re-opened. it will run for 12 hours a week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is being co-ordinated by Natalia Witkowsky.

Babysitters are needed to provide child care for women who wish to attend the Women's Centre Benefit on Sept. 11th.

Robert Douglas reported that library hours have been cut this year (nights and weekends). This is an issue for CUSA to look at

and study the feasibility of a protest which would assist the library workers' union in their negotiations.

Robert Douglas stated that George Kalogerakis will be presenting a report in the near future on the Handbook. It has been well received generally, but there have been some complaints from faculty on the explicitness of the safe sex section.

Maxine Clarke announced that Jo Howard, CUSA's Administrative Dept. Head, had tendered her resignation effective Sept. 17th in order to accept a position with the Concordia University Alumni Association. She stated that this position will no longer be filled by a University employee, but rather the position will be administered by CUSA. Thomas Burnside requested to sit on the Hiring and Appointments Committee that will be interviewing for this position. There were no objections.

MOTION 426:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA express its deep gratitude to Jo Howard for her dedication and hard work while in the service of CUSA.

Moved by: Cherine Hamam
Seconded by: Robert Douglas

Before a vote could be taken, the Board spontaneously erupted into a standing ovation. Jo Howard thanked the Board and wished them every success in the completion of their mandate and the best of luck for their future endeavours.

9.2 Executive Reports:

On behalf of Programming V.P. Sunia Cancian, Cherine Hamam reported that interviews for the position of Mini-Course Coordinator would take place on Wednesday, September 9th at 6:15 p.m. Cherine Hamam asked for Directors to sit on this Hiring and Appointments Committee, and Chairperson Diane Dyson suggested she contact the Directors on the Hiring and Appointments Committee which was struck as per Motion 424. She also reported that the Speakers' Committee would be meeting on Monday, September 7th at 10:00 a.m. She announced that she would be heading the Grad Ball Committee and asked Directors to volunteer.

9.3 Judicial Board Report:

There was no Judicial Board Report at this time.

5 Question Period:

When asked whether any concrete action had been taken on the Coors boycott, the Co-Presidents responded that a memo had been

sent to Cusacorp and an article appeared in "CUSA Today" in the Sept. 4th issue of The Link.

Louis Hotte asked if CUSA's proposed resume service would entail hiring an outside company to do the work. Robert Douglas stated that CUSA would hire an employee on a "work as needed" basis to input date on the MacIntosh computer. He suggested that further questions be directed to Services V.P. Hilary Scuffell.

10 Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting:

Chairperson Diane Dyson stated that the Steering Committee would provide Directors with this information.

11 Adjournment:

MOVE to adjourn.

Moved by: Jeff Gordon
Seconded by: Cherine Hamam

There were no objections to this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.


Diane Dyson


Jo Howard

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary